GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Cancer Institutes
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware of the surge in cancer cases in the country and if so, State/UT-wise details of cancer cases reported thereof and the corrective measures taken to curb its spreading and affordable treatment;

(b) the details of State Cancer Institute (SCI) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centre (TCCC) functional in the country along with proposed such Cancer Hospitals/ Institutes/Treatment centres in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the equipment required for SCI and TCCC and the role of SCI and TCCC in providing facilities to cancer patients in the country;

(d) the details of funds allocated and utilised by the Government for setting up and strengthening of such Hospitals/ Institutes/Treatment centres during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and

(e) the details of various steps taken and schemes launched to curb/treat cancer in the country, State/UT-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a): Yes, there is an increase in cancer cases in country as per Indian Council of Medical Research's National Cancer Registry data. The details of estimated number of new cancer patients in various States/Union Territories is at Annexure-I.
While Health is a State subject, Government of India is implementing a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). The objectives of NPCDCS, being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) for interventions upto the district level includes awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment. The focus of the programme is on Breast, Cervical and Oral Cancer.
Operational guidelines have been released for prevention, control and screening of Diabetes, Hypertension and common Cancer (Cervix, Breast and Oral) to the States for implementation. The screening includes screening for risk factors of these diseases. Such screening will also generate awareness on risk factors of these diseases. Suspected cases are to be referred for confirmatory diagnosis by various tests including histo-pathological biopsy. Electronic and Print media is utilized for health awareness for cancer.
Treatment of Cancer is either free or subsidized in the Government Healthcare Delivery System.
To make available Cancer and Cardiovascular drugs at discounted prices, Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) outlets have been opened at 33 Insttitions/Hospitals. Jan Aushadhi stores are set up by Department of Pharmaceuticals to provide generic drugs at affordable prices.
(b) to (d) : The Government of India under "Strengthening of Tertiary Care of Cancer" Scheme is also assisting to establish/strengthen 20 State Cancer Institutes (SCI) and 50 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) in different parts of the country. The list of proposed SCI and TCCC in the country, State/UT-wise is at Annexure-II. The details of SCI and TCCC functional in the country along with the funds released under the said scheme during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-III.
The equipment required for SCI/TCCC varies depending on the need/requirement by the Institution with the recommendation of State Governments. The SCI and TCCC are envisaged to provide cancer care besides capacity building and research.

(e): The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments for improving healthcare including prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Cancer. Some of the steps taken by Central Government are as follows:
(i) Supporting Cancer care under new AIIMS and State Government Medical Colleges being upgraded under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).

(ii) Setting up of 2nd campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata and National Cancer Institute (NCI), Jhajjar, as part of second campus of AIIMS, New Delhi, has been approved.
(iii) Financial assistance for life threatening diseases, to the patients living below poverty line, is provided by Central Government under the schemes Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN), Health Minister's Cancer Patients Fund (HMCPF), State Illness Assistance Fund (SIAF) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG).
(iv) The list of medicines specified in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) which are included in the First Schedule of Drug Pricing Control Order (DPCO), 2013, also contain drugs used for the treatment of Cancer for which ceiling prices have been fixed.

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